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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily. The thermometer stood at 54 degrees this morning.

The concert tomorrow afternoon begins at 4:30 o'clock.

Tennant was given a jury trial yesterday before Justice Filloon and was found not guilty.

Misa Lois Helm has been tendered the position of teacher of Dist. No. 61, Hood River and will leave next week to accept that position.

Salmon trout in great numbers are now being taken from the Sinslaw, where they have followed the salmon to feed on spawn.

The attorney-general's opinion in effect is that the state portage may be operated by the state regardless of the protest of the Day Bros., who claim to own the portage.

Mr. Pinkham of the Oregon Fruit Union will have shipped by tonight 446 boxes of Italian prunes, Bradshaw and Columbia plums. A part of the shipment left last night.

The fire ladders have done so nicely we should reciprocate. A good plan was that of last year, meet them at the boat and pull their cart from the landing. Then the boys should be met with carriages and the band should dispense their sweetest music.

The physicians who have been attending to Richard Closter talk very gloomily concerning his case, and evidently consider that the old gentleman has the worst of the fight. He is still in a dense stupor. His comatose condition is due to his injuries, and not to the slight doses of morphine he took yesterday.

The scholars of a Mosier school have been attacked by a peculiar coughing disease, somewhat resembling the whooping cough. The disease is contagious, but not dangerous, and has nearly completed the rounds of the school. Seven pupils were absent one day on account of it.

Two sales of real property were made by the sheriff today at the court house. All of block 25, Fourth addition to town of Dufur was sold to satisfy an execution for \$98.29. The second sale was by E. Jacobsen, administrator of the C. V. Lane estate, comprising lots 1, 2, 11 and 12 and north half lots 3 and 10, block 8, Baird's second addition to Antelope. The amount realized was \$622.17.

The Daily Dispatch is the title of a new morning daily paper which will be started in The Dalles during the first week of September. Mr. J. G. Miller will be editor and proprietor. The paper will be independent in politics. The plant will be the material of the old Sun office, now in Goldendale, and will be removed to The Dalles. It is the intention to take the Associated Press dispatches.

Mr. Herrin's visit to Pendleton was much of a success and resulted in large accessions to the local lodge. The Chronicle of that city says he not only endeared himself to members of the order while there, but also made many friends among the citizens and business men with whom he came in contact. He is of an unusually agreeable nature, which no doubt accounts in part for his success in his chosen field of work, and is a person whom one is always glad to have met.

At the meeting of the Press Association at Astoria the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. W. Patterson, Heppner; first vice-president, E. L. E. White, of Portland; second vice-president, D. M. Gault, Hillsboro; secretary, A. Tozier; treasurer, Charles C. Doughty, Dallas; historian, George H. Himes, of Portland. In the list of names mentioned as delegates to national convention appears the name of Miss Rose Michell of THE CHRONICLE, alternate.

Monday's Daily. An effort is being made in the city to inaugurate a Bryan club.

The house and store buildings of Mr. Osborne of Long Hollow, about 15 miles south of the city, were burned a few days ago. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin.

For the general information and convenience of the superintendent in visiting schools, each teacher in the county is requested to drop him a card stating when the school will begin and length of term.

The condition of Richard Closter grows worse each passing hour. The physicians believe he will not regain consciousness again. His respiration grows shorter, which means that he is gradually sinking. It is a question of

but a day or two till the kindly old gentleman is no more.

The principal feature of yesterday's concert was the clarinet solo by Mr. Mark Long. He was compelled to respond to an enthusiastic encore. The other selections were up to the usual high standard.

A naphtha launch exploded on Smith river in Douglas county, killing Captain Wylie, wife and a 3-months-old babe. John Graham, a deckhand, escaped by jumping in the water just before the explosion and gave the particulars.

The school superintendent, Mr. Gilbert, has received numerous applications from non-resident teachers for a school in Wasco county. There are many more persons possessing certificates residing in Wasco county than there are schools, and all things being equal the home teacher will be favored.

The Klickitat county Republican-convention nominated the following ticket at Goldendale Saturday: For representative, G. H. Baker; auditor, H. C. Jackson; sheriff, F. B. Stimpson; treasurer, A. C. Chapman; clerk, H. C. Jackson; school superintendent, A. C. Colburn; surveyor, Jacobson.

Forest fires seem to be unusually active this year in this vicinity. Fierce fires are said to be burning within a mile and a half of the river at various places. Big fires are reported between here and the Meadows, of sufficient proportions to prevent the camping parties there from returning, or parties going out. It is also reported that at one time last week John's mill was in danger and was saved only by great effort. At the present time the smoke is very dense.

D. L. Patee shot and killed himself, as near as can be ascertained, on the evening of the 14th in his residence on his ranch 1 1/2 miles north of Prineville. No one was living with him, and it was known that he was in straitened circumstances. There was no water on his place and Mr. L. Dillon had been hauling him water for some time. Last Saturday evening Mr. Dillon took out, as usual five gallons of water and on going into the house found Patee lying on the bed dead.—Prineville Review.

An almost total eclipse of the moon occurred about 11 o'clock Saturday evening, which was plainly visible here. The shadow first appeared on the lower left-hand side of the moon about 9:40 p. m., and gradually covered the face of that lunar body, traveling upward and to the right until a little before 11 o'clock, there was only the upper rim of the moon visible. The shadow then appeared to remain stationary for some 15 minutes, when it commenced to pass off, disappearing at the left hand lower edge at 12:30 a. m.

Tuesday's Daily. Cooler weather is indicated for the current week by the weather bureau, but no rain is probable.

Preaching at Christian church on Eight Mile Sunday, August 30th, at 11 o'clock. All are invited.

Attention is called to a notice for a special meeting, in another column, of Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.

Mr. E. F. Sharp succeeds Ed. Martin, deceased, in the position of field surveyor for the Eastern Oregon Land Co.

Potatoes still hold a good stiff price. They are selling now for \$1.50 a hundred. Peaches are retailing for 50 cents.

Pete Staack came in from Camas Prairie today, to be treated for blood poisoning. It was caused by a rusty nail which punctured his hand.

David R. Francis, ex-governor of Missouri, will be secretary of the interior, vice Hoke Smith, who recently resigned the secretaryship because of his financial views.

The funeral of the late R. G. Closter will take place from the undertaking parlors of Crandall & Burgett at 10 o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday, August 28th. Interment in Odd Fellows cemetery.

No rain has fallen in Sherman county since the 15th of May. The effect of the dry spell and the hot winds has been such as to decrease wheat yield fully 50 per cent. It is needless to say the half lost comprised the farmer's profit for the year.

"Augustine," the mascot for the hose team, was led behind the victors' cart in the parade last night, tied by a chain. He seemed bored with so much noise, but showed up at the banquet later on at the Umatilla house, where he was greeted with great enthusiasm.

Recorder Phelps came back from Astoria and dispatched the following business, which had accumulated in his absence: Two d. and ds., \$10 and \$15 respectively; one gun player \$15; and one Chinese scrapper, \$5. The other party to the last transaction will have a trial before his honor in the morning. Mayor Pennoyer is now preparing his speech to be delivered at Salem on September 5. It is intended to surprise the best efforts of Bryan, which should not be difficult for an adult orator. The mayor tried to take a mean advantage of Auditor Gambell yesterday by reading some extracts from the speech to him, but Gambell broke away before the second sentence was concluded. The stuff was too rich for his stomach, but will be just what the Populists are hungering and thirsting for, and they will get their fill when the mayor turns loose, for he is loaded for bear.—Oregonian.

RICHARD CLOSTER IS DEAD.

He Passed Quietly to Rest at 6:50 O'clock This Morning.

Richard Closter died this morning at 6:40 o'clock. There was present, at the hour of death, only his old friend, Mr. Schutz. He did not regain consciousness before death, and died peacefully. It is apparent the old gentleman had carefully studied over the matter and came to the conclusion that he would end his life after mature deliberation, though not a hint of his purpose was allowed to be revealed by himself in any manner. He had the same pleasant smile and nod for his friends up to the very last time he was seen. The day before he had purchased a revolver from Maier & Benton, a .38 caliber, the same which he used to fire the fatal shot. Some three years ago Mr. Closter had made out a will and got Harry Clough and Henry Bills to witness it. A few days ago he remarked apparently by chance to Mr. Clough that he had made no change in that document. To Mr. Schutz he gave a letter addressed to Mrs. Vierra which contained a check for \$1500, with the instruction to be sure and deliver it to the person addressed. Mr. Closter was worth several thousand dollars in notes and money, though he owned no real estate as far as known. His purse contained \$130 in cash. Here again is evidence that he had prepared for his funeral expenses and that his death had been premeditated for some time.

Mr. Closter was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows and the Gesang Verein. The funeral will occur at 10 o'clock in the morning and will doubtless be largely attended.

Transforming a Desert.

Old residents of Umatilla and those who frequently travel on the road through that country speak of a new oasis in that desert region. In a sage brush alkali plain, for years unretrieved by any green thing, has sprung an emerald spot which resolves itself on closer inspection into fine rows of potato plants, waving wheat, tasseled corn, and stretches of land dotted over with the luscious watermelon. The change shows the wonderful metamorphosis which water will produce. The land is the richest in the world under irrigation, and the company which has taken hold of it deserves great credit for investing money in a way to give employment to others and to add, however so little, to the natural wealth of the country. The most fashionable investment of late years is in stocks or bonds, and it gives us real pleasure to chronicle an undertaking where a company really invested money in the natural resources of a country. There is great possibility in store for what is now known as the "Great American desert."

The Astoria Road.

Work on the Astoria railroad has reached the town of Rainier. The men are paid \$1.50 per day, and required to board at the company messhouse at a cost of \$4.50 per week, thus paying half they receive for board. In addition to this hospital dues to the amount of \$1 a month is charged up to the workmen. Married men living in the town are not employed because they cannot afford to work for \$4.25 per week, which is all they would have left after paying board and hospital dues. But the Astoria railroad is actually building, and the work is being done in real railroad style, every yard of earth being placed with the intention of making a good roadbed. A trip down the river will convince any one that the Astoria railroad is to be a reality.—Oregonian.

Mr. T. A. Hudson of the Eastern Oregon Land Co. arrived yesterday from Sherman county. The company which he represents owns land in all quarters of that county and having visited all of the company's ranches he is perhaps better qualified than any other one man to judge of the season's wheat crop. The grade generally is second class this year. He finds the yield to be as a rule 16 bushels per acre for summer-fallow grain, 12 for volunteer and 8 for spring-sown. Prices at Biggs rule 40 cents for first grade, 37 1/2 for second and 35c for third grade wheat. There are some fields which will yield 20 to 25 bushels per acre. A sample he brought back will reach the last-named figure. It was grown upon John McDermott's place. The variety is called the Crooked-neck Club. The grain is plump and the heads well filled. There is a great difference in farmers. The most intelligent and industrious have the best yields.

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Some of the New Things.

Table listing various items and prices: Colored Lawn Robes at \$1.25, Skirt Drawers at 1.25, Umbrella Skirts at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, 2.50, Drawers at 50c, 65c, 75c, 1.00, Umbrella Drawers at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, 2.00, Night Robes at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, 2.50, Chemise at \$1.00, 1.50, Corset Covers at 25c to .75, Black Rustle Percalin Skirts from \$1.25 to 3.00.

We will take pleasure in showing our stock to ladies who anticipate buying.

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THE ASTORIA RACES.

How The Dalles Lost the Wet Test-Victory at Last.

A dispatch was received yesterday briefly stating that The Dalles lost the wet test. News was also received by wire this morning that they failed to capture a prize for the dry test race this morning, notwithstanding the following telegram which was sent from The Dalles at 7 o'clock this morning: "The Dalles team is all right. This is our day. Wipe 'em off the face of the earth."

The above dispatch was signed by about a dozen of our citizens who are brimming over with good will, the last signature being "George Brown and all the girls." One chance remains for the boys to win—the championship race this afternoon, and if that is won we can well afford to forfeit all the other honors. This is the race of the tournament, and carries with it the big prize of \$150. The race is a run of 900 feet, lay 300 feet of hose and get water; time; then run back and un-couple the second length of hose from the line and replace it with a length taken from the cart; time. It is a noble race, but the impression is here that the boys will not win it owing to the fact of insufficient practice.

In the dry-test race this morning Astoria won. The time was: Astoria, 45 2-5; Oregon City, 46; The Dalles, 46 1-5; Vancouver, 46 1-5.

The story of yesterday's race is more fully told in an Astoria dispatch to the Oregonian today:

"The wet-test race was the first contested, and brought out a field of five. The first to run was The Dalles team, but although the men made fast time as far as running went, they were beaten by the man at the hydrant, who turned on the water before nozzle could be made fast. This put The Dalles team out of the race. No time was taken. The Astorians followed, and with a poor start, covered the distance and got water in 49 seconds. They were followed by Vancouver, who were also credited with 49 seconds. The Liberty hose team, of Portland, was next, and, from their condition, looked like winners, but all three of the timers' watches indicated exactly 49 seconds. The excitement was intense and a proposition made to divide the prizes, but the members of each team insisted on running the race off later in the day. Oregon City was unable to do better than 52 1/2 seconds. In the hub-and-hub race, the first teams to compete were The Dalles and Vancouver. The latter won easily in 31 1-5 seconds. Liberty, of Portland, Oregon City and Astoria next appeared. The heat went to the local men. In the final, between Vancouver and Astoria, a grand race was witnessed. Vancouver got the best of the start, but the local team gained inch by inch in the last 100 yards, and looked like winners. Vancouver reached the tape, however, about four inches in the lead. In the run-off of the wet-test run, Astoria got water in 48 2-5 seconds, and were followed by Vancouver in 49 2-5. Owing to the Liberty hose team's mishap of two men falling at the start and the hydrant-man missing connection, their time was 52 seconds. The race therefore went to Astoria, with Vancouver second.

HURRAH! THE BOYS WIN. 3:15 p. m.—Defeat is swallowed up in victory! We are repaid for all the suspense, anxiety and drear forebodings by

the joyful news which comes over the wires that our boys have won the big race—the one worth winning—the championship New York race. The Dalles beat the next best time by three and three-fifths seconds, making the race in 123 2-5. The following bulletins tell in brief the story of the afternoon:

Astoria—No time; lost in coupling.

Vancouver—No time; lost in coupling.

The Dalles—Just finished making a successful run; time 123 2-5.

Portland—Time 127; will be protested.

Oregon City—The coupling blew out; consequently no time. The Dalles wins first prize of \$150; Portland second.

How the Race Was Won.

An Astoria dispatch gives the following particulars of the championship race: "The Dalles led off, making 1:23 2-5, and were followed by the Astorians, whose coupling became jammed, throwing them out of the race. The Fourteenth infantry team could not do better than 1:26, and 1:28 1/2 was the best that Portland could place to their credit. Oregon City was also unfortunate in this race, one of their couplings breaking while the hose was coming off the cart. This gave the championship to The Dalles, a victory which was very popular, owing in some measure to the fact that The Dalles had previously been unsuccessful. After the racing was brought to a close, a test of the water pressure was made, 10 streams being thrown in the

air to a height of 185 feet. The visiting teams were much impressed by the splendid water pressure of the new water works.

Republican Press to Unite.

At the annual meeting of the State Press Association, just closed at Astoria, a number of the Republican editors present discussed the proposition of organizing an association in the interest of the Republican party. The proposal is to have none but actual editors in the organization, and it is designed that it be completed as speedily as possible, so as to engage actively in the present campaign. The suggestion has met with general favor among the Republican editors, there being practically no dissension to the proposed movement. Nearly every one approached concerning the matter signified approval and an eagerness to commence the work of carrying on a vigorous McKinley campaign at once.

The suggestion of forming such an organization is in line with the policy prevailing in many other states where party papers have strongly organized. It is proposed to call a meeting of the editors of the interior press early in September, when the subject will be thoroughly discussed and some definite action taken.

Geo. P. Frank, ex-mayor of Portland, died at his seaside residence at Long Beach Sunday night after a protracted illness.

Mr. Pague leaves for the East on the 25th inst, and will be absent until about September 11th. During his absence Mr. S. M. Blandford will be in charge of the office and work in Portland.

The Price on Farm Wagons Has Dropped.



That is, the price on some wagons has fallen below our price on "OLD HICKORY" Wagons. Why? Because no other wagon on the market will sell alongside of the "OLD HICKORY" at the same price. It is the best ironed, best painted and lightest running, and we guarantee every bit of material in it to be strictly first-class. If you want the CHEAPEST Wagon on the market, we haven't got it; but we have got the BEST, and solicit comparison.

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